CLAIM AMENDMENTS

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25. (NEW) A system comprising:

a) a plurality of data area access systems, each having a secure data memory associated therewith; and

b) an information center, wherein (I) said system is configured and adapted such that entry of a piece of data into said system comprises a writing of said piece of data to a respective one of said secure data memories that can only be effected by an authorized user of the data area access system associated with the respective secure data memory and in conjunction with the authorization of an authorized user of said information center, (ii) said information center is configured and adapted for storing information that defines respective access rights for each piece of data entered into the system, (iii) said system is configured and adapted such that display and modification of the information defining the access rights to said entered piece of data is restricted to said authorized user of said information center, in conjunction with whose authorization said entry was effected, and (iv) said system is configured and adapted such that access to any piece of data entered into the system is restricted to those authorized users of the system having appropriate access rights as defined by said information for the piece of data to be accessed.

26.   (NEW) The system of Claim 25, wherein said system is configured and adapted such that access to any piece of data entered into the system can be effected solely via the data area access systems and solely by authorized users of the respective data area access system via which access is to be effected.

27.   (NEW) The system of Claim 26, wherein all authorized users of said information center are not authorized to use any of said data area access systems.

28.   (NEW) The system of Claim 25, wherein one or more of said data area access systems are operable in a mode in which an authorized user of said information center who is not an authorized user of the respective data area access system

a) can display and modify that part of said information defining access rights that is not restricted from display and modification by them,

b) yet cannot access any pieces of data entered into the system.

29. (NEW) The system of Claim 26, wherein said mode allows an authorized user of said information center who is not an authorized user of the respective data area access system to retrieve a list of pieces of data that were entered into the system in conjunction with their authorization.

30. (NEW) The system of Claim 25, wherein use of each of said data area access systems is restricted to a respective set of authorized users.

31. (NEW) The system of Claim 25, wherein said system is configured and adapted for effecting communication between any of said information center and said data area access systems in an exclusively secure manner.

32. (NEW) The system of Claim 25, wherein said system is configured and adapted such that exclusively said secure data memories serve to store any pieces of data entered into said system.

33. (NEW) The system of Claim 25, wherein said system is configured and adapted for confirm both user authorization and the authorized user's access rights each time a piece of data entered into the system is to be accessed.

34. (NEW) The system of Claim 25, wherein

a) said system is configured and adapted for deriving information from pieces of data entered into said system, and

b) access to any part of said derived information is restricted to the same extent as the pieces of data form which it is respectively derived.

35. (NEW) The system of Claim 25, wherein

a) said system is configured and adapted for complementing pieces of data entered into said system with referenced information, and

b) access to any part of said reference information is restricted to the same extent as the pieces of data it respectively complements.

36. (NEW) The system of Claim 25, wherein said system is configured and adapted for insuring that pieces of data entered into said system are not replicated within the system.